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JOHN FOSTER DULLES brought to his legal training at George Washington University Law School youthful years already enriched by contact with great world issues. As a boy he was frequently the spokesman for us of the young generation, his brother and three sisters, all junior to him. We all were encouraged by Foster to discuss the problems of the day together with our grandfather, John W. Foster, for whom my brother was named and who had already served as Secretary of State, and with our maternal uncle, Robert Lansing, who was shortly to become Secretary of State. Here in the family forum vigorous debate was joined on issues ranging from the war with Spain to the Boer revolt in South Africa and the growing European crisis.

Foster also brought to his studies at George Washington a young man's experience in graduate work at the Sorbonne, plus a rather unique tour of duty at the second Hague Peace Conference. He was inspired also by the ideals of the President of Princeton, Woodrow Wilson, under whom he studied as an undergraduate, and by the high principles and purpose for the world Wilson sought to achieve at the Paris Peace Conference through the creation of a League of Nations to preserve the peace. President Wilson also gave Foster, early in his career in the law, his first assignment in international relations: a delicate negotiating task in Central America. Shortly thereafter, as a member of the American Delegation to the Peace Conference at Versailles, he

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John Foster Dulles as a young man and as a student



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